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SUBJECT: MISIDENTIFICATION TARGETING THREAT

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1. IN ADDITION TO MISIDENTIFICATION NOTED IN REFTTEL, FSIO ROBERT J. BAKER, WAS ALSO THE TARGET OF A SOVIET INTELLIGENCE ACTION CARRIED OUT DURING HIS ASSIGNMENT TO BAMAKO MALI AS IO IN 1968. SOVIETS PLANTED A STORY IN SWAHILI LANGUAGE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER "N'GRUMO", PUBLISHED IN DAR ES SALAAM WITH SOVIET BACKING. THE ALLEGEDLY INDEPENDENT "N'GRUMO" SAID BAKER HAD HELPED TO MURDER A BLACK AMERICAN ALSO STATIONED IN BAMAKO. TASS PICKED UP STORY DATED IT "FROM NATIONALIST NEWSPAPER N'GRUMO" AND REPRINTED STORY IN PRAVDA. SOME 400 COPIES OF PRAVDA THEN FLOWN TO BAMAKO WHERE SOVIET COMMUNITY (800 STRONG) SPREAD STORY WIDELY WITH NET RESULT BAKER'S REPUTATION LOCALLY STRONGLY BESMIRCHED. STORY HAD INNOCUOUS BASIS. BLACK AMERICAN AID OFFICIAL, KURT WILLIAMS, HAD BEEN EVACUATED FROM BAMAKO BY AIR FORCE MEDICAL EVACUATION AIRCRAFT TO SAVE HIS LIFE WHICH THREATENED BY KIDNEY FAILURE. LOCAL POPULACE SAW ONLY

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BLACK AMERICAN BEING LOADED UNCONSCIOUS ABOARD HUGE

AMERICAN AIRCRAFT. WILLIAMS RECOVERED AND NOW WORKING
IN WASHINGTON.

2. IN LONDON DURING BAKER ACAO ASSIGNMENT IN 1974,
MEMBER OF COMMUNIST PARTY GREAT BRITAIN, WHO ALSO WROTE
GOSSIP COLUMN FOR THE GUARDIAN, IDENTIFIED BAKER IN HIS
COLUMN AMONG OTHER EMBASSY STAFFERS AS MEMBER OF CIA.
AGAIN, SOME DAMAGE WAS DONE, ESPECIALLY AMONG YOUNGER
ACADEMIC CONTACTS.
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